

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0039] with the following amended paragraph:

[0039] According to the invention, the rotary speed is then reduced to a second speed, for example 0.5 meters per minute, in a third phase position 70. After the phase position 54, in which the receiving device, in particular the first receiving element for the ~~trailing~~ leading edge, is closed, the speed is increased again, in particular to the value of the first speed 30, in a fourth phase position 72. As the printing master cylinder 10 now rotates through more than one complete revolution, the locking gap passes the phase position 56 and reaches a fifth phase position 74, in which the rotary speed of the printing master cylinder 10 is reduced to a third speed, which may or may not essentially correspond to the second speed and may be 0.5 meters per minute, for example. Consequently, the second receiving element can be closed as described with reference to Figure 2 to lock the trailing edge, but at a reduced speed, which has the advantages mentioned above.